

Immunity

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A MAN OF RARE JUDGMENT.

To the Editor:

It is gratifying to note that your editorials display concise up-to-date matter which ought to be of interest to every member of the State Society. If you were able to prevail upon the Program Committee to insist on shorter, more condensed papers read at the State Society meetings and thereby eliminate the cost of printing this unreadable junk, you would enhance the value of the Journal.

A READER.

San Francisco.

State Society

Acting upon the decision of the Council, the Medical Society has taken up the matter of acquiring new members. A great many good men come into our community who do not affiliate themselves with the county societies. Very often it is purely a matter of oversight. At other times there are men who have severed their connection with the county society for personal reasons, and do not re-establish that relationship because they have not been asked. Therefore, we are undertaking a campaign and county secretaries may be called upon to co-operate with the Council in this matter. Our agent at present is Mrs. R. V. S. Berry, who has been given full authority to canvass the state for new members and who is now at work on this rather comprehensive job. In the course of time she will visit practically every large center in California, and we shall expect the local county societies to give her all the assistance possible.

The Publicity Bureau has also established the beginnings of a lecture bureau, to be utilized by the county societies throughout the state. We have obtained a list of men of prominence in the profession who have agreed to go where they are called and deliver scientific talks, illustrated by lantern slides, when necessary, and specimens, and who represent the best thought in the profession today. The county societies will be sent a list of these lecturers and the topics upon which they will hear a man talk. Provision will also be made to furnish the lantern and other appliances for demonstration where these are necessary, the expense being borne by the county society and the arrangements being made by the State Society office. By this plan we hope to stimulate the attendance at the county society meetings and further the advancement of science.

Again we must ask all county secretaries to send in the names of prospective new members in order that this office may pass upon the eligibility to membership of men not well known in their community. In this way only can we keep out undesirable applicants, for once a man is elected to membership it is not always an easy matter to prove that he was admitted without sufficient investigation and to drop him from the list.

The regular quarterly meeting of the Council will be held on or about October 25th in Los Angeles.

County Societies

LOS ANGELES COUNTY.

Announcement of Operative Course.

Medical Department University of California.

Dr. Foster K. Collins, who has just returned from overseas service, will again resume his work at the Los Angeles Medical Department of the University of California. A course of operative surgery on the cadaver and on the dog will be commenced within the next several weeks. Time of beginning, the class and hours will be through mutual arrangements with the members of the class. The course will roughly cover practically all of the operations in general surgery. For further information address Dr. Foster K. Collins, 1318 Baker-Detwiler Bldg., telephone 66133.

Returned from Service.

Dr. Herbert V. Mellinger, 608 Baker-Detwiler Bldg.

Dr. Ernest L. Commons, 1100 Brack Shops.

Personals.

Local Surgeon Released from Navy.

Senior Lieutenant J. C. Horton, local surgeon and for the past two years a medical officer in the United States Navy, received notice yesterday that his request to resign was granted by Naval Secretary Daniels, to take effect immediately, so that he will return to his private practice in this city immediately.

Dr. Horton had entire charge of the big Naval influenza quarantine camp in Los Angeles, where thousands of sailors and marines were held during the epidemic.

Dr. Etta Gray of Los Angeles is Sent Abroad to Study Conditions.

Dr. Etta Gray of Los Angeles, president of the War Work Committee of the National Medical Women's Association, which has sponsored and financed the American Women's Hospital Service in France and Serbia, will sail for one year's duty in those two countries.

The American Women's hospitals have about \$100,000 in their treasury now, the result of public subscriptions and the aid of co-operating organizations, including the American Red Cross and the American Committee for Devastated France. More than 100 women served in France and Serbia from this organization after America entered the war and several units are now in various hospitals there.

Cowles Quits, But Mayor Says "No."

Dr. J. E. Cowles resigned as a member of the Playground Commission when Mayor Snyder took office. The Mayor declined to accept Dr. Cowles's resignation as he desired him to remain on the board. This is an unpaid board, the members of which even pay their own expenses on their inspection trips.

Dr. Mellinger Returns.

Dr. Herbert V. Mellinger, formerly of Chicago and who during the war served as a medical officer with the Sixty-fifth Regiment, Coast Artillery from California, has returned from duty overseas and is now living in Los Angeles, and has opened an office.

Pomona Surgeon Tells of America's Medical Men.

Sixteen thousand physicians and surgeons, 12,000 nurses and 122,000 listed men in the medical department served the American Army in France according to figures made public by Dr. J. K. Swindt of Pomona, in an address to the members of the Pomona Chamber of Commerce on his return from overseas. Thirty-three thousand American physicians volunteered for service, said Dr. Swindt, and those who served the men overseas cared for 195,000 wounded, of whom 182,000 recovered. Pneumonia and influenza caused the death of 8,000 men. Of the 2,200,000 American soldiers in France only 1,000 developed cases of typhoid, and of these only fifty died. In the Spanish-American war more American soldiers died of